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PLEASE PASS NSF, NAS AND LIB. OF CONGRESS

SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH EXBD: ITEM 9.1 - PROGRAM
STRUCTURES FOR INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION,
LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

REF: STATE 220576

1. AFTER EXTENSIVE AND LIVELY DEBATE PROGRAM COMMISSION
OF EXBD HAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1975
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SUBJECT ITEM.

2. DR WAS SUBMITTED BY A WORKING GROUP, IN WHICH
DEPUTY PERMREP PARTICIPATED, AND REFLECTS MOST OF US
POINTS AS STATED IN REFTEL.

3. FOLLOWING ARE OPERATIVE PARAS (IN ORIGINAL
NUMBERING) OF DR, TEN COPIES OF WHICH AIRPOUCHED TO
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... EXECUTIVE BOARD: ...

"10. ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF A SINGLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A COMMITTEE WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS INCLUDING THE ADVICE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF UNISIST;

11. BELIEVES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM REFLECTING THE SPECIFICITY OF THE DIFFERENT CURRENT PROGRAMMES MERITS FURTHER REFLECTION AND SUGGESTS THEREFORE TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON THIS MATTER TO THE 99TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD;

12. RECOMMENDS THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, IN THE EXECUTION OF THE CURRENT PROGRAMME AND IN THE PREPARATION OF THE FUTURE PROGRAMMES (19 C/4 AND 19 C/5), ADOPT THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN HIS REPORT (98 EX/32) AND BEAR IN MIND THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) INTEGRATION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ABANDONING ACTIVITIES APPROVED AS PART OF EXISTING PROGRAMMES, NOR DOES IT MEAN UNDERMINING THE INTEGRITY AND SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF SPECIALIZED SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMMES SATISFYING SECTORAL REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE SUCH ACTIVITIES OVERLAP;

(B) THE NEW OVERALL PROGRAMME SHOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE ROLE OF UNESCO IN THOSE FIELDS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

(C) PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY UNDER EXTRA-BUDGETARY PROGRAMMES, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND EXPERTISE, IN THE FIELDS OF INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION, LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES, AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEMS;

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(D) THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY UNESCO AT INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS OUGHT TO BE ADEQUATELY AND CONCRETELY PROGRAMMED AND COORDINATED, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS ARE BASED ON ACTIONS CARRIED OUT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL - WHICH ARE WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF EACH MEMBER STATE;

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(E) THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES
ALREADY ESTABLISHED UNDER CURRENT PROGRAMMES SUCH AS
THOSE OF IBE, UNISIST AND NATIS OUGHT TO BE CONSOLIDATED
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE NEW PROGRESS;

(F) THE OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERN-
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH HAS ENABLED UNESCO TO
PLAY A LEADING PART IN THESE FIELDS, SHOULD BE
STRENGTHENED THROUGH GREATER CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THOSE
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE COMPLEMENTARY OBJECTIVES; AND

(G) THE ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME RELATING TO INFORMATION
DESERVE TO BE GIVEN GREATER PROMINENCE, IN ORDER TO EN-
SURE THROUGH PREPARATION OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
CONFERENCE ON INFORMATICS POLICIES AND STRATEGIES,
WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 1977 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR INFORMATICS, AND IN ORDER TO
PROMOTE THE ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES IN THIS FIELD
WHICH IS VITAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT;

13. INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL:

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(A) TO CONTINUE TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE GUIDANCE GIVEN IN PARA. 2 (D) OF RESOLUTION 18 C/7.21 OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND WHICH CONCERNS THE CO-ORDINATION, AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL, BETWEEN EXISTING PROGRAMMES;

(B) TO SUBMIT TO THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE A SINGLE REPORT - INSTEAD OF THE THREE ORIGINALLY REQUIRED BY 18 C/RESOLUTION 4.201 (LONG-TERM PROGRAMME FOR NATIS), 18 C/RESOLUTION 7.21 (PARAGRAPH 2 (E)) AND THE STATUTES OF UNISIST - AFTER CONSULTING THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTLY CONCERNED; AND

(C) TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THIS DECISION TO MEMBER STATES BY WAY OF A CIRCULAR LETTER IN ORDER TO INFORM THEM OF THE ACTION TAKEN TO GIVE EFFECT TO 18 C/RESOLUTION 7.21;

14. ALSO INVITES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO ASSOCIATE UNESCO TO THE DEVSIS (DEVELOPMENT SCIENCES INFORMATION SYSTEM) FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH IS CO-SPONSORED BY OTHER UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND THE IDRC (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL - CANADA) AND CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNISIST AND, TO REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS STUDY AND THE ROLE WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY DEVOLVE TO THE ORGANIZATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DEVSIS.
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